

Favorable reconsideration of the rejection under 35 USC § 112, ¶ 2, is courteously solicited in view of the amendment, supra, that obviates the criticism of the Examiner in the outstanding Official Office Action.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC § 102 over Dominianni et al. The premise of anticipation is not supported by the reference as the reference teaches reaction of a 1-acyloxyadamantane. Hence, there is neither anticipation of the claimed invention that lacks the acyloxy group and since there is no suggestion or motivation to remove the acyloxy group, neither is there obviousness under 35 USC § 103.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 2-11 under 35 USC § 103 because each of these claims is dependent upon claim 1. With claim 1 being to unobvious subject matter, a fortiori the instant dependent claims are carried by claim 1 as well.

It should be noted that the claimed process provides superior results to the process of the prior art. This additional fact, while unnecessary to distinguish over the process of the prior art, further establishes patentability of the invention as a whole.

A three month extension of time is respectfully requested to respond to the outstanding Official Office Action. Our check in the amount of \$430.00 therefor is enclosed.

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Wherefore favorable consideration in the form of a notice of allowance is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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